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EARNING THROUGH FISHERIES
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has assessedthe number of families earning their livelihood from fisheries in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(c) whether the Government has provided any financial assistance to them to make them enable to each adequate livelihood through fisheries; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI TASLIMUDDIN)

(a)&(b): Yes, Sir. The Government of India during the year 2005 carried out Marine Fisheries Census and the Annexure-I presents State-wise details of number of fishermen families in the coastal states earning their livelihood from marine fisheries sector.

(c)&(d): Yes, Sir. The Government of India through various Centrally Sponsored and Central Sector Schemes provides financial assistance to the State Governments and Union Territories for development of fisheries sector including livelihood support to the fishers. The schemes implemented by the Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries, Ministry of Agriculture are broadly comprised of namely

(i) Development of Inland Fisheries and Aquaculture,
(ii) Development of Marine Fisheries, Infrastructure and Post Harvest Operations,
(iii) National Scheme of Welfare of Fishermen, Training and Extension,
(iv) Strengthening of Database and Information Networking and
(v) Assistance to the fisheries based Institutes of the Department. One of the schemes namely, National scheme of Welfare of fishermen, Training and Extension is especially designed to provide basic amenities like housing, drinking water, Community Hall along with Group Accident Insurance for Active Fisherman and financial assistance to fishermen in lean season.

During the 10th Five Year Plan an amount of Rs.62041.66 lakh was released to various beneficiaries i.e. States/UTs/others.